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## MEMORANDUM

Date: November 22, 2021  
To: Wildlife Board  
From: Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator  
Subject: Recommended changes to R657-5, R657-62, R657-10, and R657-33

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources is recommending the following changes to Utah Administrative Rules R657-5 and R657-62. This memo is a summary of changes and does not encompass every recommended change. To see the exact language of all proposed rule changes, please refer to the redline version of the rules included in the packet for the July/August 2021 RAC meetings.

### **Antlerless elk-control permit**

- Recommended changes
  - Clarify that these permits must be used on an antlerless elk-control unit
  - Clarify that these permits are **not** valid on a CWMU

### **Night vision device**

- Any device that enhances visible and non-visible light. This includes but is not limited to:
  - Night-vision devices
  - Thermal-imaging devices
  - Infrared-imaging devices
  - Electronic devices that enhance the visible and non-visible light spectrum
- Recommended change
  - A person may not use any night vision device to locate or attempt to locate a big game animal 48 hours before any big game hunt in the area through 48 hours after any big game hunt ends in the area.

### **Trail camera**

- A device that is not held or manually operated by a person
  - Used to capture images, video or location data of wildlife
  - Uses heat, or motion to trigger the device
- Recommended change



- Prohibit transmitting trail cameras or non-handheld transmitting devices used to take or attempt to take or aid in the take or attempted take of big game between July 31 and January 31.
- Prohibit the sale, and purchase of trail camera data used to take or aid in the take of big game.
  - The transmitting trail camera prohibition does not apply to:
    - Private landowners monitoring property for trespass
    - Monitoring active agricultural operations
    - Municipalities in the Urban Deer Program
- Transmitting trail cameras on private property **cannot** be used to aid in the take of big game.
- The same language for trail camera, season dates, and restrictions have been added to:
  - R657-10 Taking Cougar
  - R657-33 Taking Bear

### **Muzzleloader**

- Recommended change
  - Clarify that both powder and bullet must be loaded from the muzzle

### **National wildlife refuges**

- Recommended change
  - State that they are closed to hunting unless declared open by the managing authority

### **Pronghorn, moose and bighorn sheep**

- Recommended change
  - Allows an individual to apply for and hunt all of the following in the same year:
    - Doe and buck pronghorn
    - Bull and antlerless moose
    - Ram and ewe bighorn sheep
  - Helps streamline the hunt drawing process
  - Aids in the DWR's commitment to have proposed permit numbers available during the hunt drawing process
  - Requires a change to Utah Admin. Rule R657-62-20

### **Bison**

- Recommended change
  - Require bison hunters to review a shot-placement article provided by the DWR

### **Handgun-archery-muzzleloader-shotgun (HAMS) permits**

- Recommended change
  - Clarify that these permits are **not** valid for extended archery hunts

### **Hunter orange**

- Recommended change



- Recommend that hunter orange not be required for archers who are hunting during the general-season any bull elk archery hunt that overlaps the general-season any bull elk youth hunt

**Timing of rule changes**

- These recommended rule amendments are proposed to take effect prior to the 2022 big game hunting seasons.

